

**CONVENT INSPECTION** is now assured in Georgia. Governor Harris has signed the Veazy inspection bill which passed both houses by large majorities. Georgia is the second state in the Union to heed the call of democracy and give to inmates of Rome's cloistered institutions a ray of hope. Arkansas was the first. Read the graphic story of the woman who was reported dead but was for eighteen years a prisoner in a convent as set forth on the 4th page of this issue. It is a 20th century demonstration of the need for government inspection.

# WE APPEAL NOW TO MILLIONS OF PATRIOTS

**If the Papal System is to Be Brought to Trial on the Indictment Now Before Congress You Must Shoulder Your Share of the Responsibility**

**HERE** is a resolution before congress which deserves the backing of every resolute American. On July 13, 1916, Congressman C. A. Lindbergh, of Minnesota, introduced House Resolution No. 264 providing for an official investigation of that gigantic international corporation known as the Roman Catholic church.

This resolution sets forth our claim and contention that the papal system, ruled by a foreign sovereign, is promoting a propaganda in the United States which is opposed to government by the people and which seeks the destruction of such national institutions as the public school, the free press, the exercise of free speech and public assembly, freedom of thought in matters of conscience, and the constitutional principle by which church and state are separated and made independent of each other.

This indictment of the papal system further states that its agents and managers seek to subvert our democracy, and to put in its place the papal form of monarchy; that the Roman Catholic laity are taught by their superiors of the papal system to blindly obey papal orders and decrees even when they conflict with the constitution of the United States; that Rome is perniciously active in American politics to the end of capturing political power and gaining control of this country; that, to further this program,

Romish leaders and agents have inspired the Romish laity with a spirit of lawlessness leading to their use of threats, intimidation, boycott, assaults, and riots; and that Rome has promoted revolution in Mexico and has attempted to bring about a state of war between Mexico and the United States.

The Lindbergh Resolution not only sets forth these charges so familiar to informed citizens; but directs congress to create a joint commission of the senate and house to make inquiry into these various representations, and report its findings to congress for such action as the report may warrant.

Congress is spending millions of public funds on preparedness for external enemies. This petition seeks preparedness at a comparatively slight expense for the internal enemies of the republic. At the same time it gives opportunity, through the provisions of the Lindbergh Resolution, for those we charge with these grave offenses to meet them in a court of competent jurisdiction and disprove them if their truth is not established.

For five years THE MENACE, and the millions of men and women who have made it, have sounded the alarm concerning political Romanism. The warning has been heard; and patriots have rallied in millions to the defense of our attacked institutions. At the same time Rome's management and following, refusing to discuss the points at issue,

**Let Every Patriot Move as One Man---Make Demand for Investigation of Rome Unanimous---Give Everybody Chance to Join in the Big Petition to Congress---All Can Help and Canvass Must Be Made at Once**

have clamored for the suppression of our message by persecution of our speakers and prosecution of our press. To all our clearly stated charges they oppose such childish retorts as show their distaste for free discussion and a fair hearing.

Heretofore we have been largely on the defensive—fighting for the right to speak and print, and at times for the very existence of our speakers and press. Our past victories are notable and should be encouraging for the future. The patriotic movement has forced recognition from a reluctant public. Our army for the defense of American government and personal freedom is mobilized. What next?

The psychological moment has come for every patriot to speak at once—to demand that our government take cognizance of this foreign potentate whose minions invade our country disguised in the sheep-clothing of pretended religion. Let us speak in a document demanding the passage of the Lindbergh Resolution. Let us prepare and forward a petition to congress, for this investigation of popery, so strong, so

clear, and with such millions of support that the whole world will take notice in addition to congress and government.

It is an old saying pregnant with truth that an evil once stated is half remedied. Let us make the statement—not one at a time, or a few here and a few there; not as individuals or isolated groups; but let us back these reasonable demands contained in the Lindbergh Resolution with the names of all citizens worthy to be called Americans.

The time is ripe for something big, constructive, and compelling. Public sentiment is with us. The people are ready. Patriots demand it. A form of petition is submitted elsewhere in this issue. Let every patriot get behind this petition and push it to success.

Circulate it everywhere. Sign it. Have your relatives sign it. Have your neighbors sign it. Have your neighbors' neighbors sign it. Circulate it in the shop, in the store, out in the fields and along the highways, among threshing crews and road builders. Take it to church, to

lodge, to club, to sewing circles, to picnics, to political meetings, to Chautauquas, to teachers' institutes, and to every place an American can be found with enough red blood in his system to join in its righteous demands.

The officers of the Free Press Defense League have already written letters to every representative and senator in congress soliciting their support of the Resolution. They have done all they can to get the desired result; and now ask the patriotic people to carry the work forward as none but those millions can. Your power is unlimited when unitedly used.

We appeal to patriots and patriotic societies, to churches and church societies, to members, ministers, Sunday schools, Young People's Unions, Epworth Leagues, Societies of Christian Endeavor, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and the many auxiliaries of religious bodies too numerous to mention.

We appeal to the Freemasons, the Oddfellows, the Knights of Pythias, the G. A. R. veterans, the Sons of Veterans, and the Loyal

Legion, to give this matter the attention it deserves from civic and religious bodies. We appeal to the Eastern Star, the Rebekahs, the Pythian Sisters; to all the sororities and women's clubs.

Every candidate for public office should sign this petition, every teacher, every school officer, every physician, every butcher, baker, and candlestick maker—get them all.

Take it to your Roman Catholic neighbor. If he is an honest man, desirous of arriving at and supporting the truth, he will gladly join in the fair and impartial demands it makes. It gives the papal system and its adherents the greatest opportunity ever offered to prove their alleged goodness. If the Roman Catholic so-called church is a beneficent institution, here is its opportunity to step into a high court and prove it.

Innocent citizens, charged with offensive conduct, welcome the opportunity to vindicate themselves before a jury. It is the guilty who dodge and evade. Nothing would so demonstrate the sincerity of well-meaning but misinformed "children of the church" as their hearty co-operation in this effort to obtain a fair and impartial investigation of the papal system. Honest men and worthy institutions endure investigation gracefully and without fear of consequences. None but rogues need fear it. Be impartial. Give all a chance to sign the petition. If it takes a special train to haul this

document to Washington, let's have it. If it takes two trains, so much the better.

We don't want to go about this thing in a slow, sleepy, indifferent, half-hearted way. We want to make this petition so big that all monster petitions of the past fade into insignificance by comparison. The sentiment in support of congressman Lindbergh's resolution already exists in the minds of millions. It is now our business to get that sentiment on paper so congress may see it, and feel it, and act upon it.

Let the feeling of the people so materialize in this massive document that lawmakers from every congressional district will know the power they flout when they cater to Rome. And don't overlook the importance of prompt action. This is a fight, free from violence so far as we are concerned, but nevertheless a fight.

Cut out the petition on the next page, paste it on paper suitable for signatures, sign it, circulate it for two weeks getting every signer possible, then mail it to The Free Press Defense League, Ft. Scott, Kansas. DON'T send it to THE MENACE. To do so would only make unnecessary trouble and expense. SEND IT TO THE FREE PRESS DEFENSE LEAGUE, FT. SCOTT, KANSAS, where it will be assembled with thousands of others, properly prepared, and forwarded through the League's bureau in Washington, D. C.

# Serious Charges Against the Hibernians

**Daniel I. McDermott Makes Serious Charges Against Order of Hibernians—Says Organization is Same as Mollie Maguires and Under Favorable Conditions Outrages Might Be Repeated—Rome Declares McDermott Enemy of Religion**

**FO**RTY years ago, crime was holding high carnival in the coal fields of Pennsylvania. A secret society, known as the Mollie Maguires, had inaugurated a reign of terror from which there seemed to be no possible relief since none dared testify against them. All efforts to break up the criminal organization, or to bring its murderous agents to justice, failed until a young Irishman, James McParland, was sent into the region by the Pinkerton Detective Agency.

McParland finally gained access to the meetings and councils of the terrorists with the result that after long effort more than twenty of the leading spirits were convicted and executed, as many or more fled, and the remnant, learning that the way of the transgressor is a hard road to travel, ceased their depredations.

It was revealed at the trials, and by the investigations preceding them, that the Mollies were Irish immigrants who had carried on a similar system of terrorizing in Ireland as Ribbonmen, Whiteboys, etc. It is likely that the Mollie Maguires was originally and intentionally nothing more or less than a labor organization calculated to promote the mutual interests of its coal-miner members. As such their organization was legitimate, and might have been a benefit had there not been such a large element of anarchistic Fenians in its membership who became the controlling element.

The Mollies afford another example of Roman Catholic culture transplanted to a country where it could flourish temporarily under conditions of greater freedom than in the old world. But, like the McNamara of Los Angeles notoriety, society was forced to hunt them down and break up the criminal influence they wielded by means of wholesale murder.

At Pottsville, Pa., where six of the criminals were hung at one time in the seventies there was a then young priest, Daniel I. McDermott. McDermott served the

six as confessor on the day of execution; and, from information obtained by experience, has ever since been actively opposed to what is known as the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

McDermott has maintained, in his continuous fight against the Hibernians for forty years, that they should not be recognized or tolerated by his church. And it seems that in the earlier years of his efforts to discredit them he had the support of other local and well informed priests. Even Archbishop Wood, in 1874 and prior to the conviction or trial of the Mollie Maguires, condemned the Hibernians as responsible for the crimes charged to the Mollies.

McDermott carried on his fight consistently with purpose to relieve his church from the odium that would rest upon it if it allowed itself to become identified with Hibernianism. He sent representatives to the Third Plenary Council at Baltimore asking the hierarchy to place its ban upon the Hibernians and offering the evidence to establish the propriety of the act. But his memorial was suppressed, and the Hibernians have gradually assumed the same relation to the papal system in the United States as the Knights of Columbus. In fact, Hibernianism has been the ruling factor in the Knights of Columbus; from its organization to the present time. Mollie McGuireism and "Muscular Christianity" have prevailed over popery in America just as Jesuitism once proscribed by an "infallible" pope, has prevailed upon and captured popery at Rome.

But Priest McDermott has never surrendered or given up the fight. There was something deficient in his training as a priest. He lacks that docility and obedience that characterize a good papist and a good priest. His conscience has held him to a straight course of opposition in spite of discouragement by his superior ecclesiastics. The climax came when it was announced that the state convention of the Hi-

bernians would be held at Pottsville, and that the meeting would be dignified with a solemn high

mass expressive of complete endorsement of Hibernianism by the Roman Catholic church.

McDermott made all the protest in his power against the proposed ceremony; and, when he found that his archbishop was determined to ignore his protests, he offered his

resignation and took his case to the Philadelphia papers.

For more than thirty years McDermott has been in charge of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church on Fourth street, Philadelphia. He declares that it is not pious on the part of the Hibernians which causes them to seek church endorsement; but the advantage such support will give them in securing members among the unsophisticated youth of the Roman Catholic faith.

He maintains that the inveigling of youth into the Ancient Order of Hibernians is a calamity to be averted by any sacrifice; and, for that reason, told his archbishop in 1908 that before he would participate as a priest in his church's approval of Hibernianism, he would resign. He declares that the church has been corrupted by the bribery of gifts heaped upon it by the prosperous order; and, to make his position clear, submitted 41 foolscap pages of manuscript to the archbishop setting forth the corrupt nature of that organization and why it should receive no comfort or approval from his church.

As usual in such cases, Archbishop Prendergast forbid publication of the charges, choosing rather to favor this military branch of the papal system than to defend papist youth from what McDermott declares to be its evil tendencies. McDermott says that under favorable conditions the Mollie Maguires outrages might be repeated. Cardinal Gibbons has taken the Hibernians' side; and the high officials of Hibernianism refuse to say a thing in connection with the charges.

Under the circumstances, McDermott carries his fight for decency into the columns of the Philadelphia press which carries his statements creating a tremendous sensation. While every effort is made to padlock every Hibernian and papist mouth, what little leaks out in reply to McDermott follows the old line of papist attack, and is to the effect that Priest McDermott is the enemy of religion, and that he is animated by a desire to rob papists of their faith. The same story used against Mayor Mitchell, of New

**York is revamped to the extent that anything is said.**

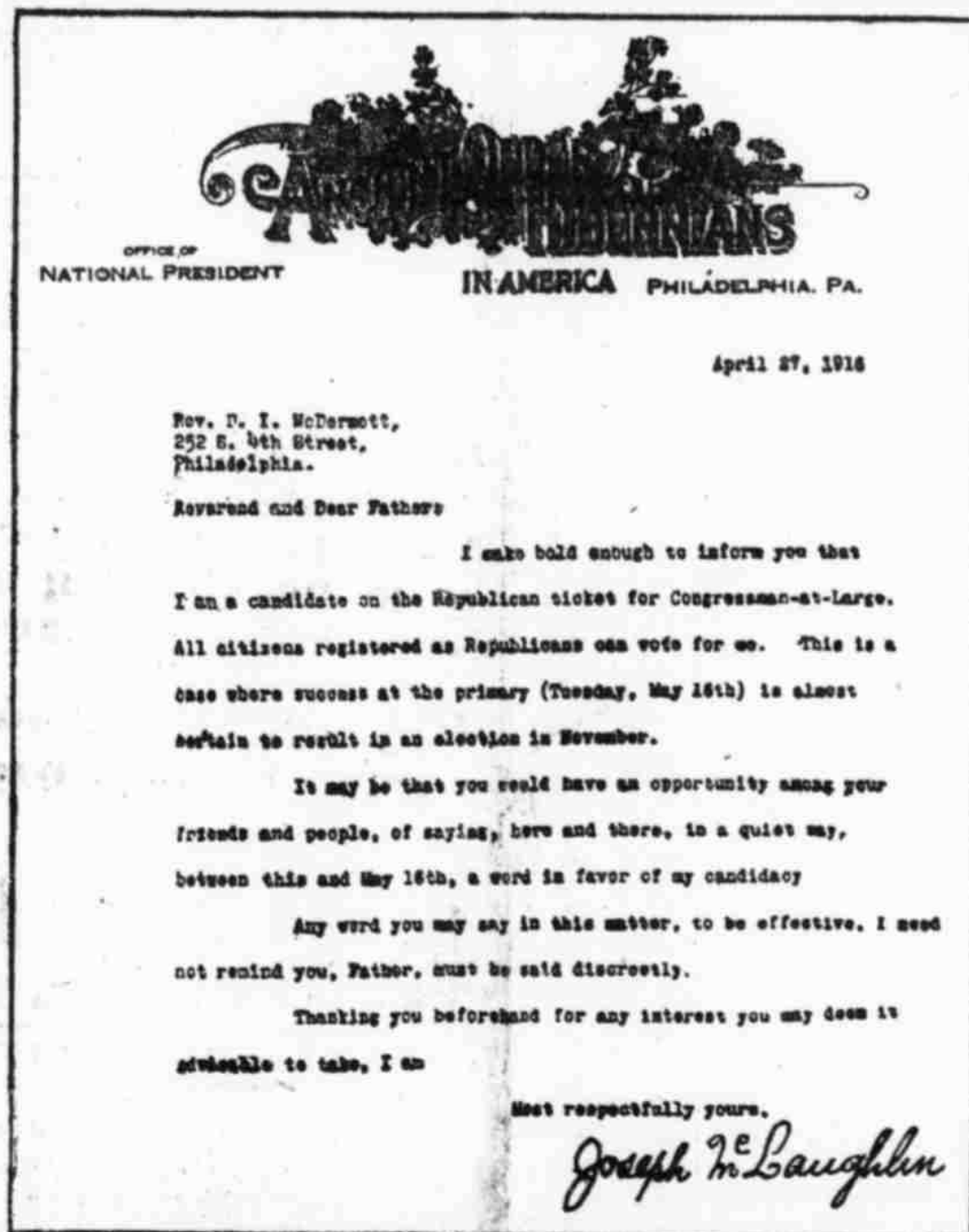
The state convention has been held, high mass and all, in a way to positively identify the Hibernians with the papal system. It is said, however, that the publicity caused by the McDermott charges is likely to affect the election of state officers inasmuch as its state president, Kilgallen, is in the liquor business, and it might suit Hibernian pretense to piety to elect a new president whose business conforms more nearly to moral standards.

Perhaps the most illuminative feature of all the disclosures is the letter, a fac-simile reproduction of which appears herewith, from Joseph McLaughlin, national president of the Hibernians, to Priest McDermott, asking the latter's support for McLaughlin in his campaign for election to congress.

It shows how these papist societies are utilized to put papists into public office. Note the language: "It may be you would have an opportunity among your friends and people of saying here and there, in a quiet way, a word in favor of my candidacy. Any word you may say in this matter, to be effective, I need not remind you father, must be said discreetly."

It is thus that the political plans of the papacy are promoted by means of priestly electioneering. In this case it probably failed; but this is an exceptional case. McDermott, though a priest, is so impressed with the identity of Mollie McGuireism and Hibernianism, as to be in rebellion against papal scheming when so closely connected with the crimes of the Pennsylvania coal fields of forty or fifty years ago.

And, upon the showing made, we must wonder what the decent and law-abiding people of Pennsylvania think about sending McLaughlin, or any of his kind, to represent them in congress. Another congressman, of the McLaughlin variety, might shine in congress like a Fitzgerald or a Gallivan, but are there not too many of them now, and is not too many a plenty?



This fac simile of the letter written by Mr. McLaughlin to Father McDermott is reproduced from the Philadelphia North American. The point Father McDermott made, is that the would-be congressman in circulating the priests of the archdiocese appealed, not as a citizen, but as Joseph McLaughlin, THE HIBERNIAN.